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SUBJECT: NATIONAL GUARD VIOLATES CAMPUS

1. JULIAN CORRALES, VICE RECTOR OF MANAGUA CAMPUS OF UNAN (THE NICARAGUAN AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY) HAS ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT AN INCIDENT OCCURRED EARLY THURSDAY MORNING (JANUARH 23) ON THE MANAGUA UNAN CAMPUS INVOLVING THE NICARAGUAN POLICE AND STUDENTS WHO WERE ALLEDGEDLY PLACING POSTERS ON A UNIVERSITY BUILDING AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 AM CALLING FOR THE END OF MARTIAL LAW.

2. ACCORDING TO CORRALES THE THREE STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED ON CAMPUS AND TAKEN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS. THE RECTOR OF UNAN, MARIANO FIALLOS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES ON THURSDAY AND THE STUDENTS WERE RELEASED EARLY FRIDAY MORNING WITHOUT CHARGES BEING BROUGHT AGAINST THEM. IT SI UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GON HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE ARREST DID NOT OCCUR ON THE CAMPUS, AND THAT THEREFORE NO VIOLATION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S AUTONOMY WAS INVOLVED. THIS IS, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THE INFORMATION

FURNISHED BY UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SECURITY POLICE. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE AUTONOMOUS STATUS OF THE UNIVERSITY REMAINS COMPLETELY INTACT AS FAR AS POLICE ARE CONCERNED UNDER MARTIAL LAW IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AND IS UNANSWERED.

3. THE REACTION TO THIS INCIDENT ON THE PART OF THE STUDENTS HAS BEEN LIMITED BY THE EARLY AND PROMPT RELEASE OF THE STUDENTS. DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS AND THE GON.

4. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT ONE OF THE STUDENTS ARRESTED WAS AN OFFICIAL OF THE CUUN, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION. UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THIS ARREST, IF IT DID OCCUR ON CAMPUS, IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE CAMPUS AUTONOMY HAS BEEN VIOLATED SINCE AUTONOMY WAS GRANTED IN 1958.
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